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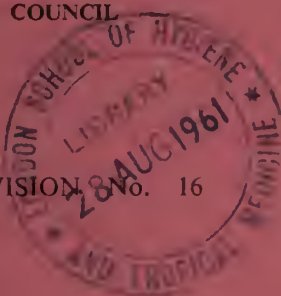
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To the Chairman and Members of  
Divisional Health Committee No.16

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the annual report on the Divisional Health and Welfare Services for the year 1959.

The estimated mid-year population of the Division was 102,600; an increase of 240 on the previous year.

SECTION 22 - CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

The number of live births registered was 1,777, giving a live birth-rate of 17.3, which was above the national average of 16.5 for England and Wales.

The infant mortality rate in the Division for the year under review was 22.5, which was a considerable improvement on the rate for the previous year of 28.4. The divisional rate is however still slightly above the national figure for England and Wales which was 22 per 1,000 live births; the lowest rate ever recorded for the country.

The number of neo-natal deaths, i.e. deaths occurring within one month of birth, was 29, giving a neo-natal death-rate per 1,000 live births of 16.3. This is the lowest neo-natal mortality rate in the division since 1954.

It should be noted however that the 29 deaths in the neo-natal period comprise approximately 75% of the total infant deaths, and of the 29, 24 died during the first week of life.

The child welfare centres in the division continued to be well attended during the year, although there was a slight fall in the total number of attendances compared with the previous year. During the year under review there were 28,815 attendances at the seven centres, compared with 30,604 during 1958. It will be seen from the individual returns of the attendances at each centre, that the decrease in clinic attendances is confined to the Urmston district since the main centres in Stretford show an increase on the attendance rate for the previous year.

The fall in the attendance figures for the Urmston district is probably a reflection of the difficulty in maintaining an adequate Health Visitor establishment during the year. It should be appreciated however that in spite of this decrease on the previous year, the two major centres in the Urmston district had the highest average attendance per session in the division, 73.6 at Davyhulme and 72.4 at Flixton.

As stated in the report for 1958, I feel that an expansion of the service in the Urmston district to afford improved facilities for the many young mothers living on the new housing estates in Flixton and Davyhulme is justified.

The work carried out at the four antenatal clinics in the division shows a further increase during the year. A total of 466 expectant mothers made 1,681 attendances during the year, compared with 361 expectant mothers and 1,657 attendances during 1958.

The relaxation clinics where expectant mothers receive training and preparation for childbirth, maintained their popularity; 429 expectant mothers attended these clinics, the total number of attendances being 3,429.

Judging from the considerable number of appreciative letters received from mothers attending these clinics, it is obvious that most of those attending for the full course derive great benefit from the instruction received on how to deal with both the physical and psychological aspects of labour.

#### MIDWIFERY SERVICE

The number of home confinements attended by divisional midwives was 396 compared with 401 for 1958. In spite of the slight drop in the number of domiciliary confinements, it is still very much above the average for the last ten years. Notwithstanding this however, the proportion of mothers confined in hospital is well above the national average. During the year 78.3% of all babies born to mothers resident within the division were born in hospital. As observed in previous reports this is a surprisingly high proportion when one considers that the homes in the division are predominantly middle-class and that the number of referrals for hospital confinement for social reasons is relatively small. The only valid conclusion that can be drawn from this is that where hospital facilities are available, they are preferred by the expectant mother.



## HEALTH VISITING

The adequate staffing of this service continued to be a serious problem during the year. The divisional establishment provides for twenty-two health visitors, but at the end of the year, the number on the strength was only fifteen.

This inability to recruit health visitors, which is not peculiarly a local one, prevents full implementation of the service especially with regard to the domiciliary care of the aged which presents increasing demands year by year.

The total number of home visits paid by the health visiting staff during the year was 22,551, which is the highest recorded number since the introduction of the National Health Service Act, which reflects great credit on the staff, but one would like to see much more health visiting time available for the supervision of the aged, the handicapped and the problem family, and above all, an increase in the time which could be devoted to Health Education in clinics, schools, and community organisations.

## HOME NURSING

During the year 1,254 patients were treated by the home nursing service and a total of 40,709 visits were made; 292 of these during the night. Out of this total of 1,254 patients, 686 (or 54.7%) were over 65 years of age. Women outnumbered men in this age-group by approximately two to one.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

### Diphtheria:

Once again it is my duty to draw attention to the fact that the immunity state of the pre-school child in the division is not satisfactory. It is encouraging to note that there has been a slight improvement during the year, 56.4% of the children in this age-group having been fully protected against the disease, compared with 51% for 1958.

Not until at least 75% are adequately protected against this serious disease, can one be really satisfied that should an outbreak of the disease occur in the community, that it would quickly be brought under control. Therefore, once more I appeal to all parents to co-operate in trying to reach this target.

### Poliomyelitis:

For adequate protection against this disease it is advised that the course should comprise two injections at an interval of one month, followed by a reinforcing injection seven months later. All infants ought to be presented for vaccination not later than eight months.

Vaccination is now freely available to all persons under forty years of age but, in common with most authorities, the response in the older age groups has been found to be most disappointing in spite of the fact that they have been specially catered for by open evening sessions, visits to places of employment, and youth clubs.

During the year 7,890 persons received two injections and 14,662 a third reinforcing injection.

The total number of vaccinations carried out in the division since the introduction of the scheme up to the end of the year under review was 27,655, and the number of reinforcement injections given was 19,508. It is a solemn thought that of this total of 27,655 vaccinations, only 6,282 were in the 15 - 40 age-group.

### Tuberculosis:

During the year 1,807 school children were tuberculin tested in order to ascertain their susceptibility to tuberculosis and those found to be susceptible to the disease were offered vaccination with B.C.G.

Of these children, 596 were school leavers, 496 (or 83.2%) were tuberculin negative, and 492 were vaccinated with B.C.G.

The remaining children were between 11 and 12 years old and formed part of a trial sponsored by the British Tuberculosis Association. The object of the investigation was to examine the best combination of the number of needles and strength of vaccine required for effective freeze dried B.C.G. vaccination by multiple puncture method.

With the parents' permission, 1,211 children in thirteen different schools were tuberculin tested. Of the 1,211 tested, 1,151 returned for the reading of the test and of this number 1,024 or 89% were found to be negative. All negative reactors were vaccinated with B.C.G.

This British Tuberculosis Association trial is continuing.

## PREVENTION OF ILLNESS -

### CARE AND AFTER-CARE

#### Nursing Equipment:

A full list of nursing equipment held in store is contained in the report and these articles are available on loan to all persons who are sick in their own homes. It is usual for requests for loan equipment to be made through the home nurse but it would be noted that it is not essential for the nurse to be in attendance to make the person eligible for such a loan.

#### Laundry Service:

The domiciliary laundry service which started in 1956 continues to expand and plays a vital part in the domiciliary care of the chronic sick. During the year, fifty-nine persons received assistance, compared with fifty-one during the previous year and twenty-five in 1956.

It will be seen from the details in the body of the report that all patients receiving this service are incontinent and in most cases suffering from a terminal illness. Without the availability of this service there is no doubt that the majority of the patients could not be nursed at home, so that viewed either from the human or economic angle it is a most valuable community service.

### WELFARE SERVICES

The ascertainment of the welfare needs of the elderly continued to make progress during the year and every effort has been made to meet this expanding need.

The greatest difficulty in the division is the placement in residential accommodation of those persons who, by reason of age, infirmity or any other circumstances, are in need of care and attention which is not otherwise available to them. Two modern fifty-place hostels are at present being built, and when completed should go a long way to help in overcoming the present difficulties of accommodation.

I should like to pay tribute to the voluntary work in this field carried out by the Urmston Housing Society who during the year acquired and adapted "The Haylands", a large house in the district, to provide hostel accommodation for sixteen men. This hostel, which opened in December 1959, fulfils a long felt need in the district and is complementary to the existing "Ann Challis" Eventide Home for ladies, administered by the same Society.



The scheme to provide short-stay accommodation for the aged, in order to afford some relief to relatives during holiday periods and times of severe domestic stress proved to be an invaluable service during the year. Thirty-six persons were admitted to hostels in Morecambe and Fleetwood under this scheme during the year.

Arrangements were in hand at the end of the year for the establishment of a chiropody service to cover the whole division, based on the welfare centres. This service, which will commence early in 1960, will provide for chiropody treatment for the elderly, the handicapped, and expectant mothers.

#### Handicapped Persons:

The number of persons who are "permanently and substantially handicapped" and have been registered in accordance with the County Council Scheme under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 was 206; an increase of fifty-one on the figure for the previous year.

During the year an Occupational Therapist was appointed, whose main duties consist of the teaching of occupational and diversional therapy to the severely handicapped and considerable progress has been made with this service. In addition to the teaching of handicrafts in the home to those persons so severely handicapped as to be housebound, classes have been established and transport provided for those who are able to attend.

In addition the Occupational Therapist attends regularly at the "Grangethorpe" Hostel for the elderly.

The club for handicapped persons, established in 1955, continues to flourish and has now over sixty members. This club, which meets once per week in the evening under the able and enthusiastic chairmanship of Mr. George Westlake, is an excellent illustration of the co-operation achieved in this field between the voluntary and statutory authorities. The Divisional Health Committee accepts responsibility for the rent of the premises and for the provision of transport for the more seriously handicapped members, while voluntary workers staff the club and provide additional transport for members.

In conclusion, I should like to pay tribute to the co-operation which I have received throughout the year from the members and officials of the West Manchester Hospital Management Committee, who have always shown great willingness to assist in every possible way.

The duties and responsibilities of the Divisional Health staff continue to increase and I wish to record my gratitude to the medical and administrative members of the team for their loyal and cheerful co-operation and efficiency throughout the year, and to acknowledge the very valuable assistance I have had at all times from Dr. Gawne and members of his staff.

To the Chairman and members of the Committee, I tender my sincere thanks for the encouragement and help given to me at all times.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Sharpe

Divisional Medical Officer





Notified Births (i.e. occurring) in Sanitary Districts in the Division during 1959

	In Hospitals, Maternity Homes, etc.										In the Home										Total			
	Live births										Live births										Live births			
	# Pre-mature		Mature		Total		Still Births		# Pre-mature		Mature		Total		Still Births		# Pre-mature		Mature		Total		Still Births	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
	12	11	256	244	268	255	5	-	7	6	164	117	171	123	2	1	19	17	420	361	439	378	7	1
Stretford M.B.	99	93	949	856	1048	949	26	29	1	2	43	50	44	52	1	1	100	95	992	906	1092	1001	27	30
	111	104	1205	1100	1316	1204	31	29	8	8	207	167	215	175	3	2	119	112	1412	1267	1531	1379	34	31
TOTALS occurring in Division	1959																							
- do -	1958																							
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- do -	1950																							
- do -	1949																							

\* A birth is regarded as "premature" if the birth weight is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or less.

Births are NOTIFIED within 48 hours of birth. Registration may be made at any time up to 42 days after birth.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

Notified Births in the Division, together with inward and outward transfers, during 1959

	In Hospitals Maternity Homes, etc.										In the Home										Total					
	Live births										Live births										Live births					
	* Prem- ature		Mature		Total		Still births		* Prem- ature		Mature		Total		Still births		* Prem- ature		Mature		Total		Still births			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Total number occurring in the Division .. ..	111	104	1205	1100	1316	1204	31	29		8	8	207	107	215	175	3	2	119	112	1412	1267	1331	1379	34	31	
Total outward transfers	63	52	609	576	672	628	15	11		-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	63	52	610	576	673	628	15	11	
Total inward transfers	5	11	68	83	73	94	5	-		-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	5	11	68	84	73	95	5	-	
FINAL NUMBER belonging to division - 1959	53	63	664	607	717	670	21	18		8	8	206	168	214	176	3	2	61	71	870	775	931	846	24	20	
- do - 1958	57	63	657	598	714	661	19	24		10	10	194	174	204	184	-	2	67	73	851	772	918	845	19	26	
- do - 1957	51	64	621	636	672	700	21	22		5	9	183	187	188	196	3	1	56	73	804	823	860	896	24	23	
- do - 1956	58	45	666	580	724	625	15	20		10	14	153	155	163	169	3	-	68	59	819	735	887	794	18	20	
- do - 1955	53	59	586	582	639	641	8	16		6	6	149	147	155	153	2	1	59	65	735	729	794	794	10	17	
- do - 1954	33	50	596	565	629	615	25	19		5	11	142	139	147	150	8	2	38	61	738	704	776	765	33	21	
- do - 1953	50	64	661	590	711	654	14	19		5	9	140	125	145	134	1	-	55	73	801	715	856	788	15	19	
- do - 1952	37	55	632	580	699	635	20	13		4	8	141	119	145	127	2	6	41	63	773	699	814	762	22	19	
- do - 1951	33	56	633	617	666	673	15	13		4	6	165	129	169	135	5	2	37	62	798	746	835	808	20	15	
- do - 1950	55	73	633	594	688	667	15	11		9	10	165	169	174	179	6	1	64	83	798	763	862	846	21	12	
- do - 1949	49	75	650	635	699	710	20	13		10	19	202	203	212	222	5	4	59	94	852	838	911	932	25	17	

\* A birth is regarded as "premature" if the birth weight is 5½lbs. or less.

# INFANT MORTALITY

Infant Mortality (notified births and deaths - i.e. occurring)  
after correction for inward and outward transfers, during 1959:-

(a) Sanitary District, Sex and Age Groups

Sanitary District		Age at Death										TOTAL		
		Under 1 day		1 - 7 days		Over 1 week and up to 4 weeks		Over 4 weeks and up to 6 mths.		Over 6 months and up to 12 mths.		M	F	Both Sexes
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Stretford M.B.		7	2	4	2	1	3	6	1	1	-	19	8	27
Urmston U.D.		2	2	1	4	-	1	-	2	1	-	4	9	13
TOTAL	1959	9	4	5	6	1	4	6	3	2	-	23	17	40
	1958	9	11	7	7	3	3	5	3	2	-	26	24	50
	1957	4	9	10	4	4	3	1	4	1	1	20	21	41
	1956	11	10	12	3	4	3	8	6	3	-	38	22	60
	1955	10	14	7	4	3	3	7	1	-	-	27	12	39
	1954	6	6	6	4	1	-	6	3	5	-	24	13	37
	1953	5	9	10	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	21	15	36
	1952	7	5	3	2	1	-	5	4	1	2	17	13	30
	1951	3	1	5	3	-	3	4	4	1	2	13	13	26
	1950	5	4	4	6	5	1	8	9	-	2	22	22	44
	1949	8	6	8	12	2	2	11	7	3	3	32	30	62



# INFANT MORTALITY

## (b) Cause, Sex and Age Groups

	Age at Death										TOTAL		
	Under 1 day		1 - 7 days		Over 1 week and up to 4 weeks		Over 4 weeks and up to 6 months		Over 6 months and up to 12 months				Both Sexes
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Pneumonia	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	2	5
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	1	-	-	5	2	7
Birth injuries	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	6
Post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis	3	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	7
Other diseases peculiar to early infancy	1	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	6	8
All other causes	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	4
TOTAL - all cases	9	4	5	6	1	4	6	3	2	-	23	17	40



(c) Mortality Rates

Y E A R	Number of notified live births	Neo-natal deaths (deaths occurring within one month of birth)		Total infant deaths (under one year)	
		Number	Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Number	Mortality rate per 1,000 live births
1949	1,843	38	20.6	62	33.64
1950	1,708	24	14.07	44	25.76
1951	1,643	15	9.13	26	15.82
1952	1,576	18	11.42	30	19.04
1953	1,644	28	17.03	36	21.9
1954	1,541	23	14.92	37	24.01
1955	1,588	31	19.52	39	24.56
1956	1,681	43	25.58	60	35.69
1957	1,756	34	19.37	41	23.35
1958	1,763	40	22.7	50	28.4
1959	1,777	29	16.31	40	22.51

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were two deaths of women in or associated with child-birth during the year 1959 :-

Mortality Rate (notified births and deaths):

YEAR	No. of notified live and still births	No. of deaths of mothers in childbirth	Mortality Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) notified births
1949	1,885	1	.53
1950	1,741	2	1.148
1951	1,678	2	1.192
1952	1,617	-	-
1953	1,678	-	-
1954	1,595	1	.62
1955	1,615	1	.62
1956	1,719	1	.58
1957	1,803	1	.55
1958	1,808	1	.55
1959	1,821	2	1.09

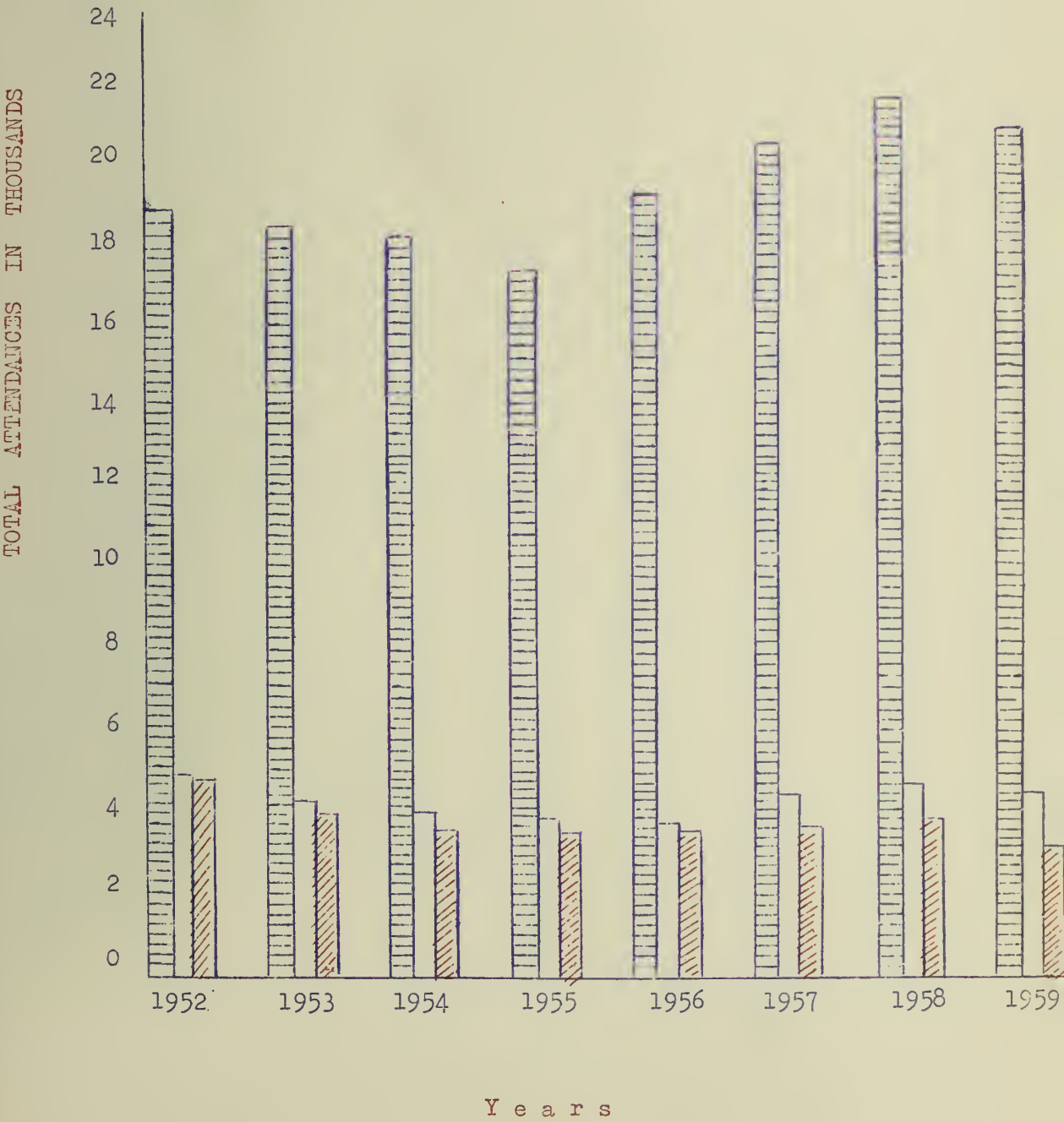
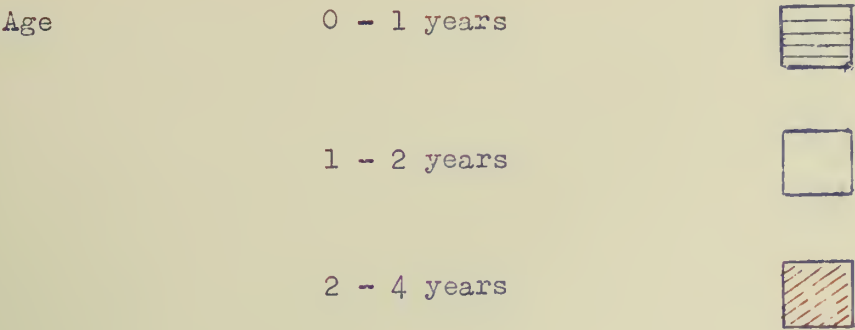
# CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

The attendances at the four centres in Stretford and the three in Urmston have been maintained at a high average. Special services are provided at one central clinic at Old Trafford and one at Davyhulme.

## Summary of attendances at Child Welfare Centres during 1959 :-

Child Welfare Centre	No. of Sessions	Number of individual children attending who were born in			Number of attendances of children at ages			Average attendances by all children (per session)
		1959	1958	1957 1954	0-1	1-2	2-4	
Trafford Public Hall (Old Trafford)	99	310	263	275	3,405	628	430	44.1
Stretford (Mitford Street)	101	261	257	388	4,345	1,143	987	64.1
Lostock (Barton Rd.)	52	111	90	160	2,263	584	878	71.4
Trafford Park (Sixth Street)	52	48	42	40	700	81	54	16.1
Davyhulme (Cornhill Road)	100	220	276	131	5,619	1,161	583	73.6
Flixton (Alker Hall)	52	165	135	81	3,028	524	215	72.4
Humphrey Park (Urmston)	52	63	59	73	1,607	409	171	42.1
TOTALS - 1959	508	1,178	1,122	1,148	20,967	4,530	3,318	56.7
1958	508	1,169	1,152	1,197	21,984	4,808	3,812	60.24
1957	504	1,173	1,103	1,359	20,366	4,221	3,640	56.0
1956	505	1,168	965	1,145	19,548	3,697	3,545	53.05
1955	501	1,056	978	1,318	17,523	3,963	3,571	50.0
1954	504	1,112	879	1,397	18,170	4,009	3,751	51.46
1953	507				18,503	4,320	4,041	53.0
1952	511				19,044	4,714	4,706	55.6
1951	503				19,341	4,593	4,574	56.6
1950	469				21,887	4,106	4,092	64.0
1949	460				22,270	4,681	4,129	67.5

Attendances at CHILD WELFARE CENTRES





ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS:

Particulars of work at the various ante-natal and post-natal Clinics during 1959 are as follows :-

Combined Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics (including Midwives' Sessions)		Number of Sessions	Number of individual women attending	Number of attendances
Trafford Public Hall (Old Trafford)		51	283	1,027
Trafford Park (Sixth St.)		21	31	119
Stretford (Mitford St.)		46	94	355
Stretford (Lostock)		27	58	180
TOTALS	1959	146	466	1,681
"	1958	143	361	1,657
"	1957	120	429	1,359
"	1956	100	300	1,027
"	1955	67	178	700

Post-Natal Examinations of Women Confined during 1959

	Confined in Hospital	Confined in private Nursing Homes	Confined at Home	
			Doctor Engaged	No Doctor Engaged
Number of mothers normally resident in division confined during 1959	1,295	11	330	9
Number of mothers who had post-natal pelvic examination by a Doctor between the fifth and twelfth week after confinement	1,126	7	273	6



RELAXATION CLINICS

Particulars of expectant mothers who attended Relaxation Clinics during the year 1959 :-

Name of Clinic	No. of Sessions	No. of individual women attending	No. of attendances
Trafford Public Hall (Old Trafford.	50	200	1,622
Davyhulme	96	229	1,807
TOTALS - 1959	146	429	3,429
1958	148	443	3,687
1957	138	382	3,344
1956	145	345	2,686
1955	132	286	2,199

DENTAL CARE

Particulars of expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children who received dental treatment at the clinics during 1959:-

	Children under 5 years of age and NOT attending school	Expectant mothers	Nursing mothers	Total
Number inspected ..	338	37	20	395
Number found to require treatment .. ..	296	37	20	353
Number treated ..	286	37	20	343
Number treated who were rendered dentally fit	66	10	13	89
Number of extractions	479	160	131	770
Number of administrations of anaesthetics - local	1	12	19	32
general	227	26	19	272
Number of fillings ..	310	21	25	356
Number of scalings, or scalings and gum treatment .. ..	10	30	57	97
Number of silver nitrate treatment .. ..	50	-	-	50
Number of dressings ..	553	23	13	589
Number of radiographs	3	1	1	5
Number of dentures provided				
Complete		-	20	20
Partial		1	3	4
Repaired		-	1	1

### CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS:

#### Ministry of Health Circulars 20/44

The recommendations of the Ministry of Health Circular 20/44 were implemented during the year under review. The division is fortunately placed in the hospital provision available, which greatly increases the chances of survival of infants prematurely born.

#### Premature births notified during 1959, after adjustments for inward and outward transfers:

	Born at Home	Born in Hospital or Maternity Home	Total
Total premature births	16	116	132
Died within 24 hours	-	11	11
Percentage of infants ) surviving 24 hours )	100%	90%	96%
Survived 28 days	15	101	116
Percentage of infants ) surviving 28 days )	94%	87%	88%

### NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS' REGULATION ACT, 1948:

No application for registration of premises to be opened under this Act as Day Nurseries, was received.

There were three Registered Child Minders in the Division on the 31st December, 1959.

### OPHTHALMIC NEONATORUM:

No cases of ophthalmic neonatorum were notified during 1959.

### PUERPERAL PYREXIA:

Twenty-three cases of puerperal pyrexia were notified during the year.

#### CARE OF UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN:

During 1959, arrangements were made for twelve expectant unmarried mothers to be admitted to the undermentioned Mother and Baby Homes for their confinements.

The Grange, Wilpshire .. ..	5
St. Anne's Maternity Home, Heywood..	2
St. Teresa's Home & Nursery, Salford	1
St. Agnes House, Withington .. ..	1
St. Monica's Maternity Home, Kendal.	3

#### CHILDREN NEGLECTED AND ILL-TREATED IN THEIR OWN HOMES:

The County Council has designated the County Medical Officer of Health as the Officer responsible for the co-ordination of all efforts to eliminate neglect and ill-treatment of children, and Divisional Medical Officers act as the co-ordinating officers in their own areas. For some time it has been the practice to convene quarterly meetings of the appropriate officers to discuss problems in connection with neglected children. These meetings, presided over by the Divisional Medical Officer, have been attended by Assistant Divisional Medical Officers, Health Visitors, Area Children's Officer, Officers representing the two constituent Housing Authorities, National Assistance Area Officers, Officers of the N.S.P.C.C., Probation Officers, Mental Health Workers, Education Welfare Officers, and other interested officers. During 1959, twenty-three "problem families" have been discussed at the meetings.

It is considered that the meetings continue to serve a useful purpose and that the exchange of points of view is in the interests of the children liable to suffer from neglect.

## DAY NURSERIES

The following is the list of priorities adopted by the County Council as a guide to considering the admission of children to Day Nurseries :-

### Social Cases:

- (a) Special cases due to illness, confinement, etc. of mothers.
- (b) Widows.
- (c) Women separated, divorced, or deserted.
- (d) Unmarried mothers.
- (e) Women whose husbands are invalids or work part-time.
- (f) Widowers, or fathers separated, divorced or deserted.
- (g) Any other special reasons, e.g. problem families, unsatisfactory living conditions, children requiring special care, etc.

### All Other Cases:

Where the mothers are in employment priority being given as far as possible to those mothers whose financial need is greatest and to those, e.g. nurses, teachers, etc. of whom there may be a considerable need in a particular area.

DAY NURSERIES

NURSERY	Number of places approved		Number of days open	Total attendances at ages		Proportion of attendances to day-places (all ages)	Number of children at end of year			
	0-1	2-4		0-1	2-4		0-1	2-4	On Registers	On Waiting lists
Beresford Road, Stretford.	10	24	248	1,755	4,482	74%	9	26	6	7
Victoria Park, Stretford.	10	24	249	1,844	4,863	79.2%	9	26	22	23
Seymour Grove, Old Trafford	12	26	248	2,944	6,033	95.3%	12	30	15	7
Northumberland Road, Old Trafford.	18	22	249	2,795	5,323	81.5%	15	27	34	28
Chesham, Urmston.	10	30	249	2,038	5,865	79.3%	14	30	13	13
Stocks House, Flixton.	10	32	249	2,031	5,816	75%	11	37	2	5
Hayeswater Road, Davyhulme	10	40	248	2,163	7,111	75%	11	38	4	3
TOTAL	80	198	1,740	15,570	39,493	79.7	81	214	96	86



# DAY NURSERIES

## Social Cases attending the Day Nurseries

DAY NURSERY	A.1	A.2	A.3	A.4	A.5	A.6	A.7	Social Cases - Total No. of children attending	Total No. of children attending during year	% Social Cases
Beresford Road	7	-	8	5	-	1	1	22	64	34.3
Northumberland	4	1	10	14	-	4	4	37	95	39
Victoria Park	7	-	14	8	4	1	1	35	76	46
Seymour Grove	8	1	8	12	6	1	-	36	73	49.3
Chesham	11	-	6	4	-	1	-	22	87	25.3
Stocks House	9	3	8	1	2	-	8	31	83	37.3
Hayeswater Road	15	-	10	3	1	-	2	31	104	29.8
								214	582	36.7%

CODE: A.1 Special Cases due to sickness, confinement of mothers, etc.

A.2 Widow

A.3 Woman Separated or Divorced

A.4 Unmarried mother

A.5 Woman whose husband is an invalid or works only part-time.

A.6 Widower or Father separated, divorced or deserted.

A.7 any other social cases.

## M I D W I F E R Y   S E R V I C E

County Midwives employed in the Division :-

Mrs. M. Gilligan, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
Mrs. A. Maddocks, S.C.M.  
Mrs. J.A. McKenna, S.C.M.  
Mrs. L.T. Mullins, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
(commenced 8/6/59)  
Mrs. J.M. Taylor, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
(ceased 28/2/59)  
Miss M.A. Thompson, S.C.M.  
Mrs. A. Whittle, S.R.N., S.C.M.

In addition there were thirteen midwives on the staff of the Stretford Memorial Hospital, five at the Urmston Cottage Hospital, and sixteen at Park Hospital, Davyhulme, at the 31st December, 1959.

Cases attended by all midwives in the division during the year 1959:-

	Confine- ments attended	Miscar- riages	Total Cases	Cases in which analgesics were used
(a) LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES :- County Council Midwives				
1959	388	8	396	337
1958	381	20	401	335
1957	384	13	397	328
1956	323	14	337	251
1955	300	16	316	244
1954	296	11	307	219
1953	268	26	294	205
1952	271	20	291	197
1951	295	8	303	236
1950	346	28	374	276
1949	408	22	430	219
(b) HOSPITAL SERVICES -- In State Hospitals				
1959	2,531	-	2,531	1,785
1958	2,608	-	2,608	1,725
1957	2,478	-	2,478	1,701
1956	2,518	1	2,519	1,584
1955	2,365	7	2,372	1,306
1954	2,309	5	2,314	975
1953	2,348	3	2,351	1,235
1952	2,237	4	2,241	988
1951	2,112	3	2,115	986
1950	2,045	4	2,049	1,384
1949	2,028	1	2,029	1,206
(c) TOTAL -				
1959	2,919	8	2,927	2,122
1958	2,989	20	3,009	2,060
1957	2,862	13	2,875	2,029
1956	2,841	15	2,856	1,835
1955	2,655	23	2,678	1,550
1954	2,605	16	2,621	1,194
1953	2,616	29	2,645	1,440
1952	2,508	24	2,532	1,185
1951	2,405	11	2,416	1,222
1950	2,391	32	2,423	1,660
1949	2,436	23	2,459	1,425

Summary of work done by County Council midwives during 1959 :-

(a) Confinements and miscarriages:

Confinements (1)					Miscarriages (2)				
Dr. NOT booked		Dr. booked		Total	Dr. NOT booked		Dr. booked		Total
Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery		Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	
1	7	28	352	388	-	-	-	8	8

(b) Livebirths, stillbirths, hospital discharges and deaths.

Livebirths (1)			Still births (2)			Cases attended where patient had been confined in hospital and discharged before 14th day (3)	Deaths (4)	
Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Total	Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Total		Mother	Child (under 1 month)
29	357	386	1	3	4	403	-	2

(c) Visits

To confinements and miscarriages shown in section (a) above  (1)	To hospital discharges in section (b) (3) above  (2)	Total  (3)	Total number of visits included in column (1) which were made between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. (i.e. night visits)  (4)
10,680	2,269	12,949	279

Proportion of births in the division attended by County Council midwives during the year 1959 :-

- (a) Total number of live and still births occurring in the division .. .. 2,975\*
- (b) Number of (a) which were domiciliary .. 395
- (c) Number of (b) which were attended by County Council midwives .. .. 390
- (d) Percentage of (c) to (a) .. .. 13.1
- (e) Percentage of (c) to (b) .. .. 98.7

Records received from all certified midwives practising in the division, in accordance with the Rules of the Central Midwives' Board, during 1959 :-

	Number of notifications received in respect of			
	Calling for medical aid	Still births	Deaths	
			Mother	Child (under 1 month)
(a) <u>Local Health Authority Services</u> :-				
County Council Midwives	112	3	-	-
(b) <u>Hospital Services</u> :-				
In State Hospitals	-	-	-	-
(c) <u>In Private Practice</u> :-				
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - All Services	112	3	-	-

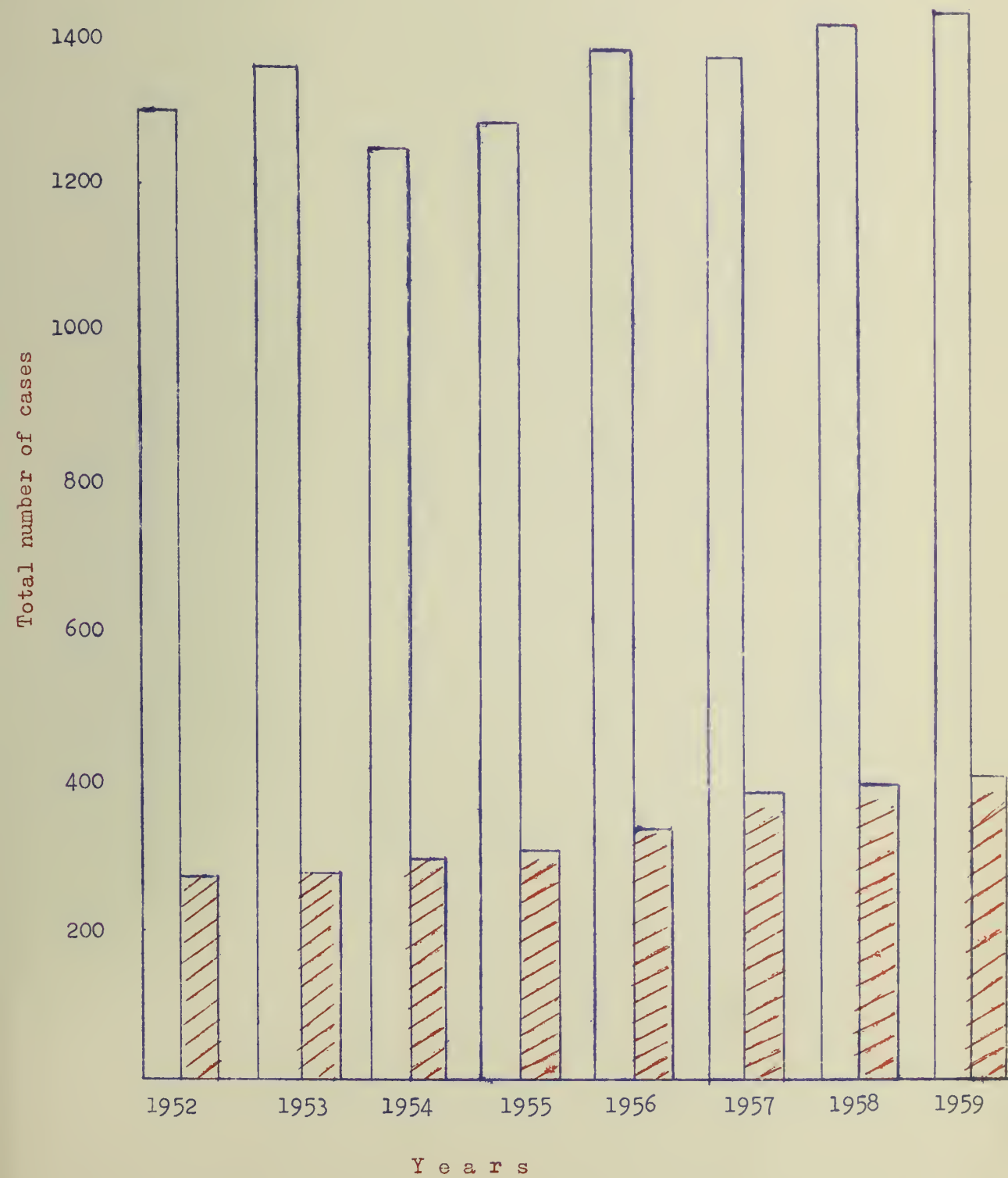
\* Only 1,821 of these births relate to residents in the division.

# MIDWIFERY SERVICE

Total number of hospital confinements



Total number of home confinements







## HEALTH VISITING

### STAFF:

Mrs. K.M. Connor, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.  
(Resigned 28.2.59)

Miss G. Davies, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss N. Dyson, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.  
(Superannuated 15.9.59)

Miss M. Evans, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.  
(Commenced 1.7.59)

Miss K.M. Fryer, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.  
(Commenced 1.7.59)

Miss N.M. Hinds, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.  
(Commenced 27.5.59)

Mrs. E.J. Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.C.N., H.V. Cert.

Mrs. E.K. Kenyon, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.C.N., H.V. Cert.  
(Died 8.6.59)

Mrs. E. Lee, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N., Q.N., H.V. Cert.

Mrs. C. Lynch, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N., H.V. Cert.

Miss S. McGahan, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N., H.V. Cert.  
(Commenced 1.6.59)

Mrs. J.H. Moyes, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss L. Raine, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N., H.V. Cert.

Miss F. Sharples, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss E.J. Stanley, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.C.N., H.V. Cert.

Mrs. P.A. Thwaites, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V. Cert.  
(Commenced 1.6.59)

Miss F.M. Tonge, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V. Cert.  
(Ceased 3.4.59)

Mrs. N.M. Torres, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss A. Yates, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

The staff establishment for the division provides for twenty-two Health Visitors, but at the end of 1959, the number of Health Visitors was only fifteen. As in previous years, the shortage of Health Visitors prevents the service from being expanded to satisfactorily cover present day needs.

Four temporary School/Clinic Nurses were employed at the end of the year to relieve Health Visitors by assisting in Clinics and Schools.

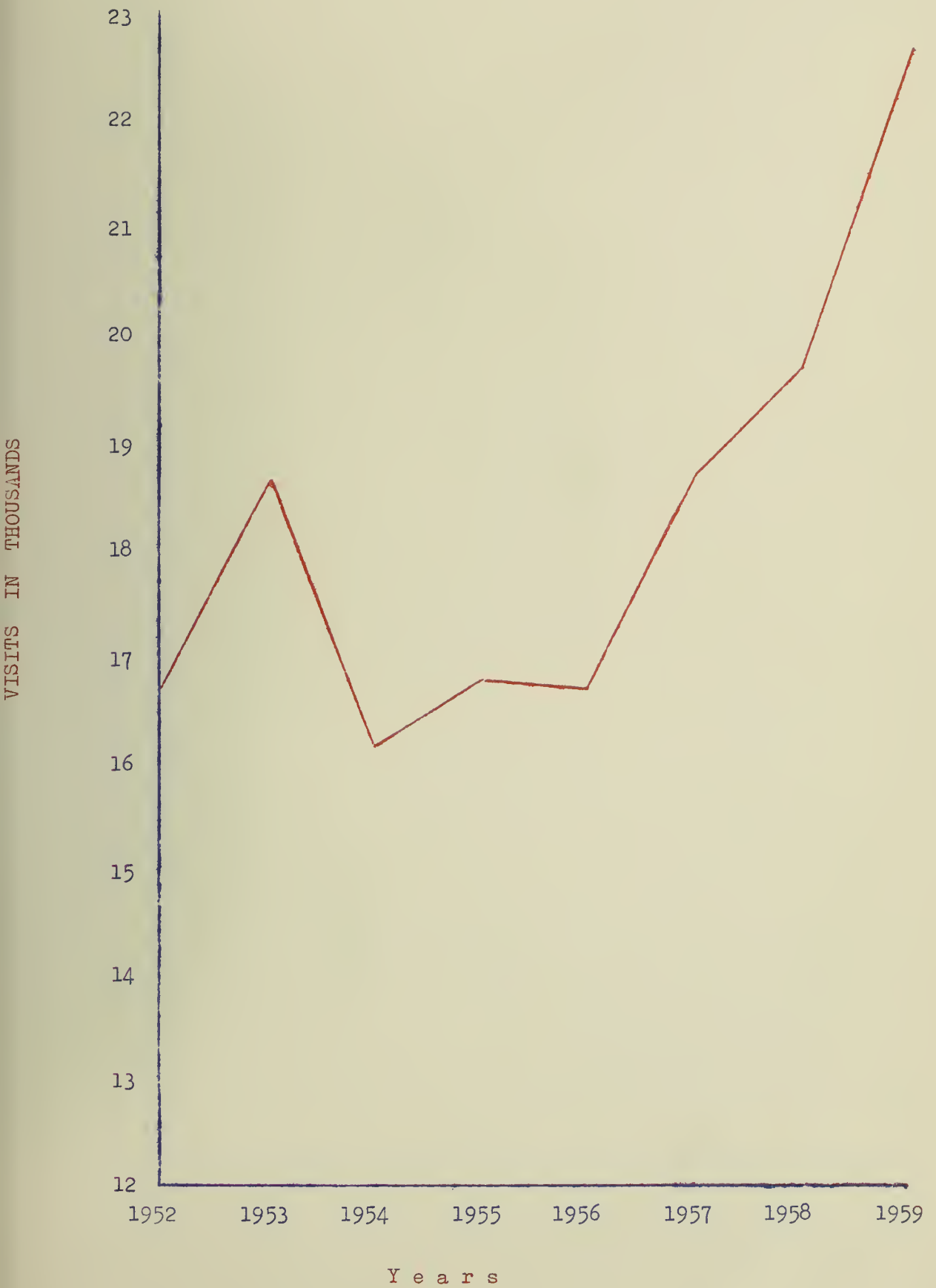
Details of visits by Health Visitors are given on page 20.

NUMBER OF VISITS BY HEALTH VISITORS

	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951
No. of children under 5 years of age visited .. .. .	7,195	5,607	6,580	6,664	6,157	6,809	6,587	-	-
Expectant mothers									
First visits .. .. .	301	484	454	422	386	309	261	252	238
Total visits .. .. .	581	838	669	654	595	504	498	599	501
Children under 1 year of age									
First visits .. .. .	1,851	1,799	1,851	1,678	1,620	1,569	1,725	1,702	1,673
Total visits .. .. .	7,579	7,075	6,718	5,992	6,379	6,190	7,604	7,404	6,322
Children - one to five years									
Total visits .. .. .	10,364	7,669	7,423	7,378	8,013	8,371	9,279	7,728	6,981
Adults (excluding expectant mothers)									
Total visits .. .. .	2,262	2,158	1,882	1,739	1,486	768	752	482	207
Other cases:									
Total visits .. .. .	1,115	1,704	1,750	584	27	132	197	271	296
Problem Families:									
Total visits .. .. .	650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL VISITS</u>	22,551	19,444	18,442	16,347	16,500	15,965	18,330	16,484	14,307
No. of families or households visited .. .. .	5,756	5,301	4,577	4,708	5,345	6,481	5,475	-	-

HEALTH VISITING

Total Visits made by Staff



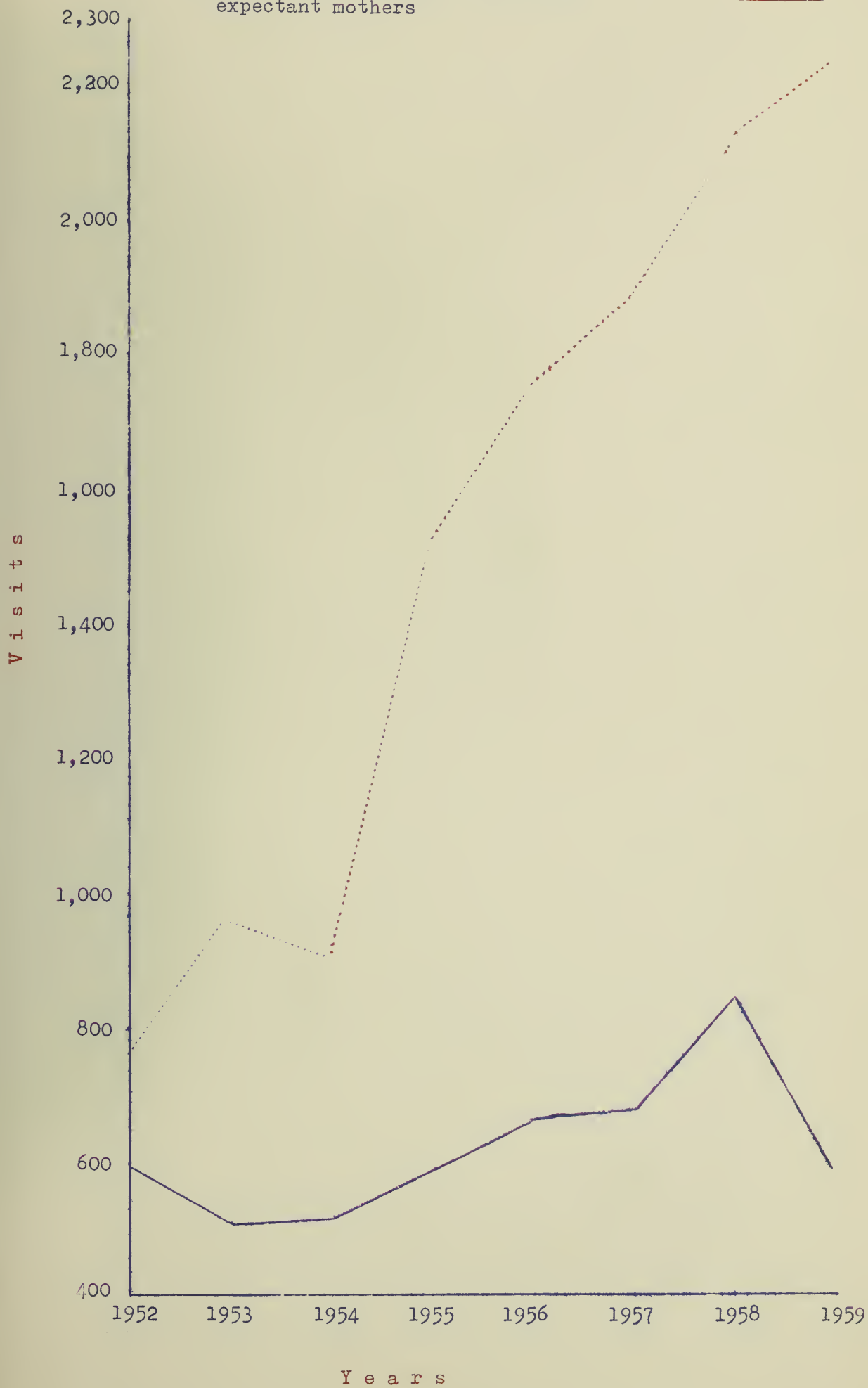




HEALTH VISITING

Total visits to expectant mothers

Total visits to adults, including  
expectant mothers

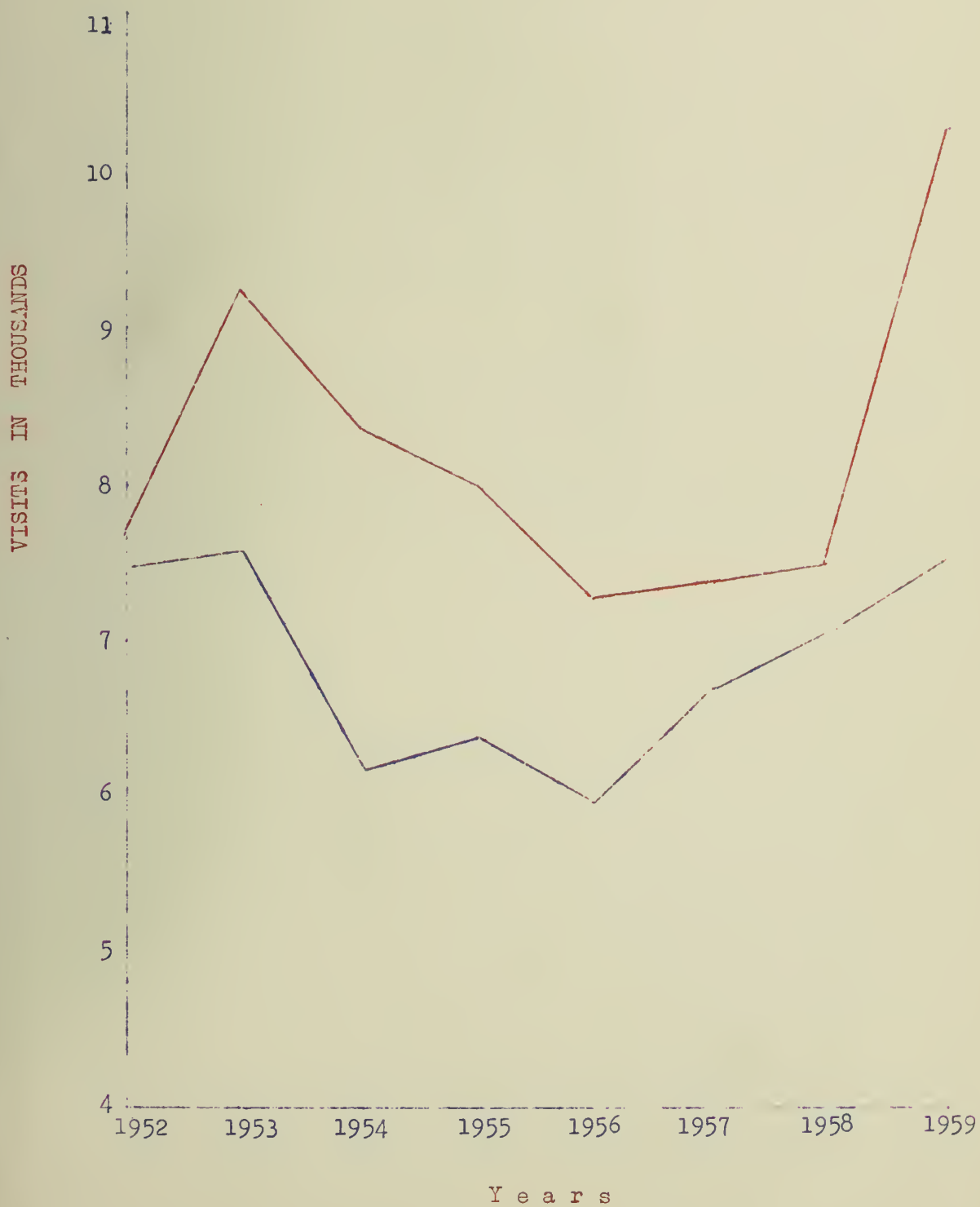


1955 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959

# HEALTH VISITING

Total visits to children under 1 year

Total visits to children 1 - 5 years





## HOME NURSING

### STAFF:

Mrs. M. Bennett, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. A. Burrell, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N.  
Mrs. W. Dabbs, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mr. L. Hutchinson, S.R.N., Q.N.  
Mrs. M. Jordan, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
Miss M.M. Laycock, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. M.F. McGrath, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. (Ceased 30.4.59)  
Mrs. F.A. Mees, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. M.E. Moorhouse, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
Mrs. B. Oliver, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Commenced 1.9.59)  
Mrs. A.H. Pimley-Pope, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Miss G.E. Ronson, S.R.N., S.R.F.N., Q.N.  
Mrs. W.H. Spencer, S.R.N., S.C.M.

The County Council's policy to provide domiciliary care for more elderly persons, together with the shortage of hospital beds, is responsible for more cases being nursed at home. Modern methods of treatment continue to give additional work to the district nurses, who often carry out their duties under most difficult conditions. Three assistant nurses were employed to assist the district nurses with the nursing of elderly chronic patients.



TABLE I - By Duration of Treatments and Frequency of Visits -  
Completed Cases for Year ended 31st December 1959

Disease or Ailment	Total No. of Cases	Duration of Treatments					Average No. of visits per case per week
		Length of Treatment (weeks)	Average duration of treatment (weeks)	Total Visits		Average No. of visits (day & night)	
				Day	Night		
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	21	413.9	19.7	1,487		70.8	3.6
Other infective and parasitic diseases	21	134	6.4	583	73	31.2	4.9
Cancer .. .. .	109	512	4.7	2,178	4	20.0	4.3
Diabetes .. .. .	23	992.3	43.1	3,785		164.6	3.8
Anaemias and other blood diseases	136	4,684.4	34.4	5,259	5	38.7	1.1
Mental, psychoneurotic disorders	8	184.9	23.1	124	4	16	.7
Cerebral haemorrhage, cerebral embolism and thrombosis .. .. .	47	289.3	6.2	1,080		23.0	3.7
Other diseases of central nervous system	89	2,282.6	25.6	4,022		45.2	1.8
Diseases of eye, ear and mastoid process	13	51.6	4.0	212		16.3	4.1
Diseases of heart and circulatory system	125	2,970	23.8	5,116		40.9	1.7
Influenza .. .. .	11	11.4	1.0	71		6.5	6.2
Pneumonia .. .. .	31	60.6	2.0	289		9.3	4.8
Bronchitis .. .. .	80	322.3	4.0	1,065		13.3	3.3
Other diseases of respiratory system	26	92.1	3.5	229		8.8	2.5
Diseases of digestive system .. .. .	93	228.7	2.5	873	4	9.4	3.8
Diseases of genito-urinary system	35	970.1	27.7	709		20.3	.7
Diseases of the skin .. .. .	50	1,055.6	21.1	2,841		56.8	2.7
Diseases of bones and organs of movement (including rheumatism and arthritis)	32	1,214.1	37.9	1,787		55.8	1.5
Senility and ill-defined conditions	208	2,216	10.7	5,299	2	25.5	2.4
Burns and scalds .. .. .	7	14	2	58		8.3	4.1
Other accidents, injuries, etc. .. .. .	29	263.9	9.1	700		24.1	2.7
All other conditions .. .. .	60	835.6	13.9	2,650	200	47.5	3.4
<b>T O T A L S</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>19,799.13</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>40,417</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Health Division							
Admin. County	<b>34,106</b>	<b>455,369.3</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>1,069,345</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>

ANALYSIS OF COMPLETED CASES (continued)

TABLE 2

Year ended 31st December, 1959

	Health Division		Admin. County	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
1. Total completed cases analysed	1,254	100	34,106	100
2. Sex and age groups -				
(age in years)				
0 - M	14	1.1	931	2.7
F	8	0.6	584	1.7
5 - M	5	0.4	781	2.3
F	3	0.2	635	1.9
15 - M	41	3.3	1,873	5.5
F	171	13.6	4,993	14.6
45 - M	131	10.4	3,469	10.2
F	195	15.6	5,305	15.6
65 - M	233	18.6	5,627	16.5
F	453	36.1	9,908	29.1
All ages M	424	33.8	12,681	37.2
F	830	66.2	21,425	62.8
3. Agency of reference :-				
Services of nurse requested by:				
General practitioner	1,136	90.6	29,439	86.3
Hospital	96	7.7	3,373	9.9
P.H. Authority	9	0.7	350	1.0
Direct	9	0.7	808	2.4
T.B. Clinic	1	0.1	45	0.1
Other	3	0.2	91	0.3
4. Disposal of cases -				
Recovered, relieved, etc.	553	44.1	19,165	56.2
Admitted to hospital	246	19.6	5,045	14.8
Died	264	21.1	5,305	15.6
Gone away	59	4.7	1,226	3.6
Out-patient X-ray, etc.	72	5.7	2,439	7.1
Nurse withdrawn	57	4.5	833	2.4
Other	3	0.2	94	0.3

# IMMUNISATION and VACCINATION

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Immunisation in relation to child population :-

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1959					
Age at 31/12/59 i.e. born in years	Under 1 1959	1 - 4 1955 - 1958	5 - 9 1950 - 1954.	10-14 1945-1949	Total under 15
Number immunised	381	4,454	8,838	7,507	21,180
Estimated mid-year child population 1959	Children under 5 years ~~~~~ 8,577		Children 5 - 14 years ~~~~~ 16,905		25,482

Immunisations against Diphtheria completed during the year 1959 :-

	Number of individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the period			Number of children who were given a reinforcement injection (i.e. subsequent to complete course)
	Age at date of final injection			
	Under 5 yrs.	5 - 14 yrs	Total 0 - 14 yrs	
Stretford	699	186	885	1,080
Urmston	666	31	697	608
TOTAL in Division	1,365	217	1,582	1,688

Number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria during the year 1959 :-

	By Assistant Div. Medical Officers	By General Practitioners	Total
Primary Immunisation (full course)	889	693	1,582
Reinforcement injections	1,496	192	1,688
TOTAL	2,385	885	3,270

# WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Immunisation in relation to child population :-

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1959.						
Age at 31/12/59 i.e. born in years	Under 1 1959	1+ 1958	2+ 1957	3+ 1956	4+ (under 5) 1955	Under 5 Total
Number immunised	372	1,098	1,174	1,075	1,057	4,776
Estimated mid-year child population 1959	1,777	6,800				8,577

Notification of cases of whooping cough during 1959, after  
correction of diagnosis

	Age Group											
	0-		1-		2-		3-		4-		Total under 5 years	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Stretford Borough	-	2	2	-	3	-	-	1	1	1	6	4
Urmston Urban District	-	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	2	3	8	14
TOTAL	-	4	4	2	5	4	2	4	3	4	14	18



POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Vaccinations completed during 1959

District	Number receiving two injections - 1959				TOTAL
	0 - 4 Years	5 - 9 Years	10 - 14 Years	Over 15 Years	
Stretford Municipal Borough	1,172	461	320	2,891	4,844
Urmston Urban District	880	220	149	1,797	3,046
TOTALS	2,052	681	469	4,688	7,890

District	No. receiving a reinforcement injection				TOTAL
	0 - 4 Years	5 - 9 Years	10 - 14 Years	Over 15 Years	
Stretford Municipal Borough	1,600	1,748	2,611	2,121	8,080
Urmston Urban District	1,462	1,494	1,717	1,909	6,582
TOTALS	3,062	3,242	4,328	4,030	14,662

# VACCINATION AGAINST SMALL-POX

The following tables give particulars of the number of vaccinations performed during 1959 :-

County District	Primary Vaccinations					Re-vaccinations				
	Age in Years					Age in Years				
	Under 1	1+	5+	15+	Total	Under 1	1+	5+	15+	Total
Stretford M.B.	586	46	30	27	689	-	12	21	101	134
Urmston U.D.	384	49	12	26	471	-	4	15	102	121
TOTAL	970	95	42	53	1160	-	16	36	203	255

Age in years	By Assistant Divisional Medical Officers			By General Practitioners			Total		
	Under 5	5+	15+	Under 5	5+	15+	Under 5	5+	15+
Primary vaccination	465	14	-	600	28	53	1065	42	53
Re-vaccination	1	2	18	15	34	185	16	36	203
TOTALS	466	16	18	615	62	238	1081	78	256

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

AMBULANCE STATIONS:

Supervisory Assistant - Mr. O. Fahy

STRETTFORD - Talbot Road, Old Trafford ) Telephone  
   ) Trafford  
URMSTON - Church Road, Urmston ) 3737

The following table shows the work done during 1959 :-

	Number of		Number of Cases:				Mileage
	Amb.	Cars	Emergency	General (Non Urgent)	Others	Total	
Stretford	4	2	1,751	16,716	1,792	20,259	91,335
Urmston	3	2	1,116	12,129	1,204	14,449	65,560
TOTAL	7	4	2,867	28,845	2,996	34,708	156,895

## PREVENTION OF ILLNESS

### CARE AND AFTER-CARE

#### HEALTH EDUCATION

Personal contact with the public is still considered to be the most satisfactory method of health education. Assistant Divisional Medical Officers and Health Visitors continued to give advice on matter concerning health.

Literature and posters have been distributed and exhibited on all suitable occasions.

Lectures on mothercraft to school-girls in both Stretford and Urmston are given by Health Visitors.

#### CONVALESCENT HOMES

During 1959, arrangements were made for twenty-one persons to have convalescent treatment in accordance with the County Council's scheme. Charges to applicants are assessed according to their financial circumstances.

#### PROVISION OF NURSING EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS

A quantity of nursing equipment apparatus is held in a Central Store at Lostock Clinic and has been in constant demand for loan to patients being nursed at home. There is ample evidence that this service is appreciated by the public, and further supplies of equipment may be obtained as required.

The equipment available was as follows :-

6 Bed Cradles	1 Spinal Carriage
5 Beds, hospital type	15 Commodes
7 Mattresses	13 Crutches (pairs)
41 Bed Pans	18 Air Cushions
15 Bed Rests	2 Feeding Cups
2 Hot water bottles	1 Inhaler
13 Bowls	6 yds Sheetting, rubber
20 Wheelchairs	32 Urinals
1 Walking Aid Machine	6 Spark Guards
3 Blankets	3 Pillows
2 Bed Tables	29 Plastic Draw Sheets
2 Fracture Boards	2 Lifting Apparatus

At the 31st December, 1959, the following articles were on loan to patients :-

18 Air Rings	3 Bed Cradles
3 Beds, hospital type	3 Beds, hospital cot-type
5 Mattresses	12 Back Rests
33 Bed Pans	3 Pillows
2 Bed Tables	3 Blankets
20 Plastic Draw Sheets	14 Commode Chairs
17 Wheelchairs	5 Spark Guards
4 Crutches	21 Urinals
6 yds Sheetting, rubber	1 Lifting Apparatus
2 Fracture Boards	

TUBERCULOSIS:

The tuberculosis health visitors continue to work in close co-operation with the Chest Physicians.

Summary of the work of the Tuberculosis Health  
Visitors for the Year 1959

STAFF:

Mrs. H. A. Savage, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
Mrs. M. M. Roebuck, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. (Part-time)  
Commenced 12.1.59.

No. of Visits to all Cases :-

(a)	Routine Visits -			
	(i)	New cases and contacts	... ..	279
	(ii)	Old cases and contacts	... ..	4,234
(b)	Unclassified Home Visits	... ..		245
(c)	Ineffective Visits	... ..		439
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	Total visits to all cases	... ..		5,197
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B.C.G. VACCINATION

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

Number of B.C.G. Vaccinations by Chest Physicians

AGE GROUPS	Under 2 years of age	2 - 4 years inc.	5 - 14 years inc.	15 years of age and over
No. of persons tested for suitab- ility for B.C.G. vaccination	49	42	80	21
Number found nega- tive	44	38	67	6
Number of persons vaccinated	56	37	58	8

B.C.G. Vaccinations of School Leavers by Asst.  
Divisional Medical Officers

	No. of Schools	No. of Children		
		Tuberculin Tested	Found Negative	Vaccinated with B.C.G.
Main B.C.G. Vaccin- ation	7	596	496	492
Re-examination at end of one year	1	113		
B.T.A. Trial Scheme	13	1,211	1,024	1,024

## LAUNDRY SERVICE:

The laundry service for incontinent patients which was introduced in the Division in March, 1956, continues to provide a very valuable service. During 1959, 59 patients received assistance.

Patients are carefully selected and those considered to be in need are issued with a sufficient supply of bed linen on loan, in order that a twice weekly delivery and collection is able to meet their requirements.

Patients are assessed to pay towards the cost of the service according to their means. In 1959, in all but 6 cases, no charge was made. The maximum charge is 8/-d per week.

The bed linen used for the purpose of the scheme is purchased from the West Manchester Hospital Management Committee, who have agreed to the laundering being carried out at one of the hospitals under their control. A motor van is hired for the collection and delivery, which is carried out on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. The co-operation of the Hospital Management Committee is greatly appreciated.

The following statement gives particulars of the type and duration of each case benefitting by the service in 1959.

<u>Type of Illness</u>	<u>Duration</u>	
Senility	52 weeks	- Still receiving service at 31.12.59
	52 weeks	- " " "
	42 weeks	- " " "
	27 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital(Died)
	14 weeks	- Still receiving service at 31.12.59
	10 weeks	- Patient died
	9 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital(Died)
	7 weeks	- Patient died
	4 weeks	- " "
	3 weeks	- Still receiving service at 31.12.59
	2 weeks	- Patient died
	2 weeks	- " "
	2 weeks	- " "
	2 weeks	- " "
	2 weeks	- " "
	2 weeks	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- " "
Chronic Rheumatism/Arthritis	10 weeks	- Patient recovered
Chronic Bronchitis	13 weeks	- Patient died
	6 weeks	- " "
	2 weeks	- " "
Disseminated Sclerosis	28 weeks	- " "
	23 weeks	- Still receiving service at 31.12.59
Cerebral Haemorrhage	52 weeks	- " " "
	10 weeks	- Patient died
	5 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital (Died)
	2 weeks	- Patient died
Paralysis	52 weeks	- Still receiving service at 31.12.59
Prolapse	6 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital (Died)
Fractured Femur	11 weeks	- Still receiving service at 31.12.59
	10 weeks	- Patient recovered
	2 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital (Died)

LAUNDRY SERVICE (continued)

<u>Type of Illness</u>	<u>Duration</u>	
Fractured Spine	5 weeks	- Patient died
Parkinsonism	2 weeks	- " "
	1 week	- " "
Hemiplegia	15 weeks	- " "
	2 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital (Died)
	6 weeks	- Admitted to Hospital (Died)
Carcinoma	13 weeks	- Patient died
	11 weeks	- " "
	7 weeks	- " "
	4 weeks	- " "
	3 weeks	- " "
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	2 weeks	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- " "
	1 week	- Still receiving service
		at 31.12.59
	1 week	- " " "

AGE GROUPS:

<u>Years of Age</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
30 yrs. to 40 yrs.	2
40 yrs. to 50 yrs.	1
50 yrs. to 60 yrs.	4
60 yrs. to 70 yrs.	3
70 yrs. to 80 yrs.	17
80 yrs. to 90 yrs.	29
90 yrs. to 100 yrs.	3
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TOTAL	- 59
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## HOME HELP SERVICE

Home Help Organiser - Mrs. M. I. Healey

Under the provisions of the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, Local Authorities had power to provide Home Helps as an alternative to boarding out young children during their mother's confinement. This Act was repealed and re-enacted in the Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 204). Relatively little use was made of this Section until the war years, when in 1944 the Minister of Health requested Local Authorities to extend their schemes for domestic help to the sick, aged, and infirm, or during some temporary domestic crisis under Defence Regulation (68E), and in addition to continue to provide helps for maternity cases under their existing powers.

It was not however until the introduction of the National Health Service Act 1946 that any real expansion of this service took place.

Section 29 of the National Health Service Act states :-

- (1) "A Local Health Authority may make such arrangements as the Minister may approve for providing Domestic Help for Households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age, within the meaning of the Education Act, 1944."
- (2) "A Local Health Authority may recover from persons availing themselves of the domestic help such charges as the authority consider reasonable, having regard to the means of those persons."

Although the provision of this service is not obligatory it has been widely adopted by Local Health Authorities, although the extent of the help varies considerably from area to area.

### ORGANISATION:

The Domestic Help Service is under the administrative control of the Medical Officer of Health, and in Lancashire County the day to day administration is the responsibility of the Divisional Medical Officer, who is of course responsible to the Divisional Health Committee. A Home Help Organiser is appointed to carry out the field work and she may or may not have an assistant, depending upon the volume of work.

The duties of the Home Help Organiser may be summarised as follows:-

1. Domiciliary Visiting and assessment of the needs of the household.
2. Recruitment of Home Helps.
3. Supervision of the work carried out.
4. Training of Home Helps if necessary.
5. Investigation of the ability of the householder to pay.



1. Assessment of need:

The amount of help allocated to any particular home varies from a few hours per week to a full working week of 44 hours. Many factors have to be considered in making a decision on the amount of help required, the chief being :-

- (a) The availability of help from friends and neighbours.
- (b) Age and infirmity of the applicant.
- (c) Type of premises.
- (d) Location of premises (nearness to shops, etc.)
- (e) Number of children in household.

2. Recruitment:

The ease with which women can be recruited to this service varies very much with the type of area, and the availability of alternative employment in industry. Until recently recruitment of suitable labour has not been easy in this division due chiefly to the demand for female labour from the many industrial concerns in the area.

3. Supervision:

The supervision of the work carried out by Home Helps entails a large amount of domiciliary visiting where many homes are receiving help concurrently. All that can be achieved is the carrying out of spot checks, since it is quite impracticable to carry out daily routine visiting to all homes. The quality of the service is therefore closely linked to the calibre and integrity of the Home Help.

4. Training:

Provision is made for the special training of Home Helps in dealing with problem families.

5. Assessment of Ability to Pay:

This is calculated according to the scale laid down by the County Council.

6. Publicity:

In the early years during the expansion of the service, publicity was an important feature, but in recent years the necessity for publicity has gradually diminished.



### DUTIES OF THE HOME HELP:

A home **help** is expected to carry out all the domestic work which would normally be done by the housewife who of course she is in effect temporarily replacing. She is therefore expected to keep the house clean and tidy, prepare meals, do the household laundry, look after the children, carry out the shopping if necessary, and attend to any sick person so far as one would expect the ordinary housewife so to do. Duties involving a knowledge of nursing techniques are not expected of her.

### TYPE OF CASE ENTITLED TO DOMESTIC HELP:

1. Expectant Mothers: Help may be provided either for a domiciliary confinement or where the mother is admitted to hospital or maternity home. Full time help is usually provided in these cases if requested.
2. Illness or Infirmary of Housewife: Either at home or in hospital.
3. Other illness in the Home: Help given where the additional strain is considered to be too much for the housewife.
4. Mentally Defective: Where there is a mentally defective person in the household, help may be given to lighten the load on the parents.
5. Aged and Infirm: The majority of Home Helps are now being employed in the care of the aged in their own homes and this is an extremely important part of the service. Home Help provision for the elderly has increased very rapidly over recent years and there can be no doubt that it will of necessity continue to expand in the years ahead, with the ever increasing proportion of elderly in the population. The amount of help required varies from a few hours to a full working week, depending on the circumstances, but it is most important that help in the case of the aged should be given early in order to prevent deterioration in the living conditions which in a number of cases may take place quickly and dramatically.

### EVENING HELPS AND NIGHT HELPS:

Home Helps may be provided outside the usual working hours and this is of great assistance in providing for the home care of the aged. Evening helps are engaged to pay a visit in the late evening in order to assist the elderly infirm to bed and to ensure that they are comfortable for the night.

This service is usually allocated to the very infirm, where the risk of accidents in the home is considered to be rather high.

A night help is intended to cover emergencies and may be provided to sit up with a sick person who would otherwise be left alone during the night. Help of this nature is provided usually when there are no relatives or in order to relieve a relative of the strain of sitting up during the night for prolonged periods.

At the end of the year the number of home helps employed totalled 120 and the number of cases assisted during the year amounted to 497.

Actual numbers of cases for which home helps were provided during the year are shown below :-

(a)	Confinement at home	..	..	..	25
(b)	Confinement away from home	..	..		6
(c)	Tuberculosis	..	..	..	1
(d)	Chronic sick (under 65 years)	..			33
(e)	Chronic sick (65 years or over) (including aged and infirm)	..			355
(f)	Other cases (under 65 years)	..			48
(g)	Other cases (over 65 years)	..			29
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Evening Helps were provided in four cases and 795 evening visits were made during the year.

# M E N T A L   H E A L T H   S E R V I C E S

<u>Duly Authorised Officers</u> <div style="text-align: center;">and</div> <u>Mental Health Workers</u>	} } }	MR. H. BERRY MISS M.P. HARGAN MR. J.C. RATCLIFFE (commenced 2/2/59)
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## MENTAL DEFICIENCY

<u>Cases</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a)	Number of new cases reported to be mentally defective during the year 1959 .. .. .	5	5	10
(b)	Number of cases admitted to Institutions under Sections 3, 6, 8 and 9 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, during the year .. .. .	4	2	6
(c)	Number of cases placed under Guardianship, Sections 3, 6, 8 and 9 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, during the year .. .. .	-	-	-
(d)	Number of cases in a place of safety under Section 15 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, at 31st December, 1959 .. .. .	-	-	-
(e)	Number of cases awaiting institutional care at the 31st December, 1959 ..	11	8	19
(f)	Number of cases in community care (excluding cases on licence from Institutions and cases discharged from Institutions or Guardianship) at the 31st December, 1959, viz. .. ..	46	48	94
	(i) Under Guardianship .. ..	-	-	-
	(ii) Under Statutory Supervision	44	43	87
	(iii) Under Voluntary Supervision	6	13	19

## Visits

(g)	Home visits by Mental Health Workers in connection with defectives in the community :-	<u>No. of Visits</u>	
	(i) Under Guardianship .. ..	..	-
	(ii) Under Statutory Supervision	..	526
	(iii) Under Voluntary Supervision	..	35
	(iv) No action cases .. ..	..	36
	(v) On licence from Institutions	..	33
	(vi) After-care (discharged from Institutions or Guardianship) ..	..	29
(h)	Home visits by Mental Health Worker for the purpose of obtaining particulars, on behalf of Hospital Management Committees, on the home conditions, etc., of patients in Institutions in connection with :-		
	(i) Application for holiday licence on trial and discharge .. ..	..	16
	(ii) Section 11 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913 .. ..	..	20

## MENTAL ILLNESS:

Cases dealt with by the Duly Authorised Officers under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890/1930, during the year :-

1. Admitted to an Establishment designated for the purpose by the Minister of Health :-
  - (a) On a Three Days' Order under Section 20 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. .. . 44
  - (b) On a Justice's Fourteen Days' Order under Section 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. 56
2. Summary Reception Orders made :-
  - (a) Patient conveyed to a Mental Hospital from another Hospital or Establishment :-
    - (i) Following detention on an Order under Section 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. .. . -
    - (ii) Not following detention on an Order under Section 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. .. . -
  - (b) Patient admitted direct to Mental Hospital 18
  - (c) In respect of a patient already in the same Mental Hospital :-
    - (i) As a Voluntary patient .. .. . -
    - (ii) Under the provisions of Section 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. -
    - (iii) As an informal patient .. .. . -
3. Notified as an alleged person of unsound mind or suffering from mental illness and
  - (a) Dealt with as :-
    - (i) Voluntary patient .. .. . 37
    - (ii) Temporary patient .. .. . -
    - (iii) Informal patient .. .. . 22
  - (b) No Order made (excluding cases already shown under 3 (a) ) .. .. . 8
4. Transfers from one Mental Hospital to another .. -



CARE AND AFTER-CARE - MENTAL HEALTH

Visits

Attendances of Duly Authorised Officers/  
Mental Health Workers at Psychiatric  
Out-Patients' Clinics of the Regional  
Hospital Board .. .. .

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Home Visits by Duly Authorised Officers/  
Mental Health Workers :-

(i) On behalf of Hospital Management  
Committees :-

(a) Obtaining case histories of  
patients in mental hospitals

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(b) Obtaining information on the  
home conditions of patients  
under consideration for  
Licence or discharge from  
mental hospitals .. ..

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(ii) On behalf of County Council :-

(a) In respect of patients  
discharged from mental hospitals  
(145 patients) .. ..

455

(b) Miscellaneous (175 patients)

490



DELAMERE HOUSE TRAINING CENTRE: (Supervisor Miss K. Maguire)

The Training Centre is situated in Delamere Avenue, Stretford. At the end of 1959 there were 56 children attending, including 16 from other Divisions. The Centre was open on 198 days, and there were 10,023 attendances during the year.

The children are conveyed to and from the Training Centre. No charge is recovered for this service.

Each pupil attending the Centre is provided with a hot mid-day meal supplied by arrangement with the Local Education Authority. Charges similar to those operating in ordinary schools are made. Normally, no charge is made to pupils over 16 years of age.

The curriculum at the Centre is designed to provide training in clean habits, good manners, physical development and, where possible, a knowledge of simple manual occupations.

An "Open Day" for parents and other interested persons was held in July, 1959, and was well attended.

During the year, the Stretford Rotary Club again arranged a day's outing to Southport, for the children and their parents. This annual event is very much appreciated by all concerned.

The Stretford and Urmston Society for Mentally Handicapped Children has continued to co-operate in many ways, and their assistance is very helpful.

### NURSING HOMES

One Nursing Home in the division is registered with the County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936. The Home is inspected by the Divisional Medical staff. No infringements of the bye-laws of the County Council have been observed.

### AGENCIES FOR THE SUPPLY OF NURSES

Under the provisions of the Nurses' Acts, 1943, and 1945, persons carrying on an Agency for the supply of nurses must be registered with the County Council. There are no such agencies in this Division.

### MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical examinations carried out by the Divisional Medical Staff during 1959, included :-

	<u>No. of persons examined</u>
(1) Fitness for Employment - County Council employees:-	
(a) Number of Forms M.E.5 (statement of fitness) scrutinised ..	241
(b) Number of medical examinations carried out following scrutiny of Form M.E.5 .. .. .	11
(c) For entry to County Council Superannuation Scheme .. ..	26
(2) For entry to other Local Authority Superannuation and Sickness Pay Schemes .. .. .	88
(3) Children Act, 1948 .. .. .	50
(4) Mental Deficiency Acts .. ..	6
(5) Employment of children out of school hours .. .. .	117
(6) Children attending Camp Schools ..	20
(7) Entry to Teachers' Training Colleges, &c. .. .. .	54

## WELFARE SERVICES

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Under the provisions of Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948, the County Council is the Authority responsible for providing accommodation, either permanent or temporary, for persons who, on account of age, infirmity or other circumstances, are in need of care and attention.

#### Residential Accommodation

The shortage of residential accommodation in the division is still a most urgent problem. Two new hostels are being built, one in Old Trafford and one in Davyhulme, and it is anticipated that they will be ready for occupation early in 1961. This will greatly help to solve some of the more urgent problems.

#### "Grangethorpe" Hostel

The Old People's Hostel at "Grangethorpe", 98/100 Talbot Road, Old Trafford, has accommodation for twenty-five persons (thirteen women and twelve men). During the year a total of thirty people were accommodated. Four women and one man were admitted during the year.

#### "Ann Challis" Eventide Home, Urmston.

The "Ann Challis" Home is a voluntary hostel for women and is registered under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year, in accordance with Section 26 of the Act, the Lancashire County Council accepted financial responsibility for the maintenance of twenty-eight elderly women at the Home. Five women for whom responsibility was accepted were admitted during 1959.

#### "Haylands" Eventide Home, Urmston.

The "Haylands" Home is a voluntary hostel for men and is registered under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948. The Home, which opened to receive residents in December, 1959, is a large house which was acquired by the Urmston Housing Society for the purpose. It is managed by a voluntary committee consisting mainly of members of the Urmston Rotary Club and provides accommodation for sixteen residents.

During December, five men were admitted for which the Lancashire County Council accepted financial responsibility in accordance with Section 26 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

#### Accommodation outside the Division.

By arrangement, thirty-nine persons were admitted to the undermentioned Institutions and Hostels in areas outside the division, during 1959.

<u>County Council Homes</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
"Atherleigh Grange", Leigh.	-	1
"Bay View", Lancaster.	-	4
"Highlands", Wesham.	-	1
"Lakeside", Ashton-under-Lyne.	-	2
Wigan Road, Orkskirk.	-	1
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<u>Voluntary Homes</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
"Laurel Bank", Salvation Army Home	-	5
Alexian Brothers' Home, Moston	1	-
Manchester Jewish Home for the Aged	1	-
"Oaklands" Home for the Blind	1	-
"Haylands" Eventide Home, Urmston	5	-
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Including those admitted during 1959, there was a total of 117 persons from the Division resident in the under-mentioned Institutions and Hostels :-

Hollins Cottage Homes,			
Farnworth .. ..	..	Lancashire County Council	
Bay View, Lancaster ..	..	Divisional Health Cttee.	No.2
Empress/Regal, Morecambe	-	ditto	- No.2
The Highlands, Wesham ..	-	ditto	- No.3
The Beeches, Garstang ..	-	ditto	- No.4
The Moorlands, Chorley ..	-	ditto	- No.4
74 Wigan Road, Ormskirk ..	-	ditto	- No.7
Thorley House, Wigan ..	-	ditto	- No.8
Delphside, Whiston ..	-	ditto	- No.9
Golbourne House, Golbourne	-	ditto	- No.10
Atherleigh Grange, Leigh	-	ditto	- No.11
Redcliffe Hostel, Prestwich	-	ditto	- No.12
Bridgewater House, Patricroft	-	ditto	- No.15
Gilda Brook Hostel, Eccles	-	ditto	- No.15
Lakeside, Ashton ..	-	ditto	- No.17
Holme Lea, Stalybridge ..	-	ditto	- No.17
Langho Epileptic Colony,			
Langho .. ..	..	Manchester Corporation	
Reston, Southport ..	..	" "	
Lawnhurst, Manchester ..	..	" "	
Newholme, Withington ..	..	" "	
The Homestead, Salford ..	..	Salford Corporation	
Wentworth, Eccles ..	..	" "	
Elm Court, Wiltshire ..	..	Wiltshire County Council	
The Hill, Knutsford ..	..	Cheshire County Council	
Aldermoor Lodge, Coventry	..	Coventry Corporation	
The Oaklands Home for the	..	Manchester & Salford Blind	
Blind, Pendleton ..	..	Aid Society	
Craven Lodge, Harrogate ..	..	- ditto	-
The Elms, Pendleton ..	..	- ditto	-
Coombe Farm Residential			
Centre, Surrey. ..	..	National Spastics Society	
Tan-y-Bryn, Abergale ..	..	Cripples' Aid Society	
Astoria, Colwyn Bay ..	..	Methodist Home for the Aged	
St. Mary's Home, Moston ..	..	Alexian Brothers	
Beechville, Bolton ..	..	Society of Friends	
Linnaeus House, Hull ..	..	Church Army	
Chas. Best Guest House,			
Leeds .. ..	..	British Diabetic Association	
David Lewis Epileptic			
Colony .. ..	..	Voluntary Association	
Laurel Bank, Salford ..	..	Salvation Army	
Mary Ann Scott Homes,			
Southport .. ..	..	Voluntary Association	
Sunbeam Home of Rest,			
Blackpool .. ..	..	Voluntary Association	
Tate House, Harrogate ..	..	Royal National Institute for	
		the Blind.	
Cotebrook Home for Cripples,		Voluntary Association	
Manchester & Salford Jewish			
Home for the Aged	-	ditto	-

### Short-Stay Accommodation

Accommodation was provided at the Empress Hostel, Morecambe, and the Cumberland Hostel, Fleetwood, for persons in need of care and attention for short periods. A portion of these Hostels is reserved to accommodate elderly persons for short periods, to allow relatives to have a holiday and also to provide a holiday for old people living alone. It has been found that in many cases a short period of care will defer the need for permanent admission to a hostel.

During 1959, thirty-six persons from this Division were accommodated at the Empress and the Cumberland.

This service has been very successful and many applications have been received for return visits to the Hostels.



## WELFARE OF THE AGED IN THEIR HOMES

The County Council's scheme for the provision of the welfare needs of the aged in their own homes continued to make progress.

The Divisional Welfare Organiser gave talks to various organisations and appealed for co-operation in the ascertainment of old people living alone, who were in need of assistance. Normally, elderly persons requiring assistance and advice are brought to the notice of the Divisional Medical Officer by medical practitioners, officials of the National Assistance Board, tradesmen and neighbours.

A certain amount of voluntary visiting was carried out by members of various organisations but much valuable work was done by kindly neighbours without recognition or thanks. The numerous clubs in the area catering for elderly persons continued to flourish and credit is due to the voluntary organisers who do so much to ensure the success of the clubs.

The Domestic Help Service, the District Nursing Service and the Laundry Service were all greatly utilised by aged persons, and it is this co-ordination of work which contributes so much to the welfare of the aged in their own homes.

The Health Visitors are, of course, the main field workers for all members of the family, including the aged and their visits, advice and assistance were greatly appreciated by the elderly.

### Voluntary Old People's Welfare Committees

There are two active Voluntary Old People's Welfare Committees in the Division, one in Stretford and one in Urmston. These Committees are both well established and make a valuable contribution to the welfare of aged persons in the area.

The Divisional Medical Officer is represented on both Committees.

## HANDICAPPED PERSONS

A scheme for the welfare of persons who are permanently and substantially handicapped has been promoted by the County Council, and efforts were continued during the year to compile a comprehensive register of all handicapped persons, other than the blind and deaf and dumb, whose welfare is catered for by voluntary agencies acting on behalf of the County Council. At the end of the year, 206 persons were included on the Register and were classified according to disability and age.

During 1959, adaptations were carried out at the residences of two registered handicapped persons, and holidays were provided under the scheme, for twenty-seven persons.

During the year, an Occupational Therapist was appointed and much progress has been made. In the past, the initial visiting of handicapped persons has always been done by health visitors but to a large extent this work has been undertaken by the Occupational Therapist who has found it to be a useful introduction to new cases.

The number of handicapped persons visited at home for instruction in occupational therapy was 34; the total number of visits was 102.

A handicraft class was organised during the year and 26 handicapped persons attended.

The Occupational Therapist also attended at the "Grangethorpe" Hostel for the Aged, Old Trafford, and seven residents received instruction.

The Club for Handicapped Persons which was established at Flixton Institute in November, 1955, continues to flourish. The Divisional Health Committee accepts responsibility for the rent of the premises and provides transport for members who are unable to travel on public ~~vehicles~~. A number of volunteer motorists also provide transport.

The Divisional Medical Officer, or a member of his staff, regularly attends the Club meetings. Co-operation between the Organisers of the Club and the staff of the Divisional Health Offices, continues to be excellent. Mr. George Westlake, the Chairman of the Club, and the loyal band of voluntary helpers deserve great praise. Without their unselfish devotion, the Club would undoubtedly cease to function as at present.

Details of handicapped persons included on the  
Divisional Register of Handicapped Persons (General Classes)  
as at 31st December, 1959.

Disability	Age Groups										Totals	
	Male					Female					M	F
	0-	16-	30-	50-	70-	0-	16-	30-	50-	70-		
A/E	-	-	3	9	4	-	-	1	5	4	16	10
F	-	-	2	8	4	-	-	4	16	5	14	25
G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H/L	-	1	2	15	-	-	-	3	6	4	18	13
Q/T	-	1	2	10	3	-	-	-	5	3	16	8
V	-	1	10	9	2	3	3	11	15	7	22	39
U/W mental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U/W others	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	1	2	5	7
X	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1
Y	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2
Z	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4
Totals	1	4	25	54	13	3	7	23	49	27	97	109
												206

Code :-

- A/E Amputation
- F Arthritis and Rheumatism
- G Congenital malformations and deformities
- H/L Diseases of the digestive, genito-urinary, heart or circulatory and respiratory systems, and diseases of the skin.
- Q/T Injuries and diseases of upper and lower limbs and the spine.
- V Organic nervous diseases.
- U/W Psychoneurosis and psychosis
- X Tuberculosis (respiratory)
- Y Tuberculosis (other than respiratory)
- Z General diseases and injuries not included above (e.g. asthma, diabetes, malaria.)







